(d) what steps would be taken to ensure that a quarter is allotted to the eligible employee within 30 days from the date of its vacation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above. However, sometimes quarters which are allotted are not accepted leading to an impression as if the quarters are lying vacant.

Configuration given for the Computers

1231. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the configuration given for the computers under the Electronics Projects under MPLADS is only suggestive and not mandatory;

(b) whether MPs can suggest higher configuration like Pentiums, instead of 386 computers;

(c) whether the MPs can also suggest more number of computers but within the limit of Rs. 10 lakhs;

(d) whether the Collectors should take decision at their levels about the increased cost due to increased configurations or should they refer the matter for decision to the GOI; and

(e) what steps are being taken to make this procedure easy and simple?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, subject to overall ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs per project.

(c) A Member of Parliament can suggest more computers but within the limit of Rs. 10 lakhs depending upon the number of students that are willing to be enrolled for computer education under the scheme and other relevant factors.

(d) The Collectors are competent to take decisions in this regard subject to the ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs per project.

(e) The guidelines on the Electronic Projects are being revised.

Popularising the Use of Bio Gas

1232. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) what steps are being taken by Government to popularise the use of Biogas;

(b) the number of bio-gas plants set up in Orissa and other States, as on date;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to assist the small and the marginal farmers to set up bio-gas plants in their respective villages; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Steps taken to popularise the use of biogas include allocation of a target of setting up of 1.80 lakh family type and 250 community, institutional and night-soil based biogas plants to different States and Union Territories for 1996-97, with the provision to provide Central subsidy, turn-key job free, technical and training support and publicity and awareness.

(b) Over 23.68 lakh family type and 1600 community, institutional and night-soil based biogas plants have been set up so far in different States and Union Territories, including 1.20 lakh family type and 32 community, institutional and night-soil based biogas plants in the State of Orissa.

(c) and (d) Small and marginal farmers, who have requisite minimum number of cattle heads, are already being encouraged to set up family type biogas plants by providing them higher amounts of Central subsidy. Besides, village based large size biogas plants which benefit small and marginal farmers also, are being promoted wherever the community agrees to meet the balance installation cost, over and above the subsidy, as well as operation and maintenance costs.

Housing Board for Agricultural Workers

1233. DR.D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: